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DIRECTORS LETTER 17 October 1972

TO: All West Gulf Division ARRL Members.

Greetings. Let's start this letter with announcement of two very important coming events of interest to us all:

ARRL President Dannals at Texoma

HARRY DANNALS, W2TUK, our ARRL President, and Mrs. DANNALS have accepted my invitation to attend the Lake Texoma Hamfest, 28-29 October. Vice Director GANT, W5GM, Chairman of the Hamfest this year has given us an ARRL hour on the program Saturday evening, 28 October, at which time President DANNALS will formally address the gathering. Also we hope to get HARRY and Mrs. DANNALS at Texoma early in order to permit as many members as possible to meet them in person.

ARRL CONVENTION '73

WEST GULF DIVISION

Initial plans to hold a WEST GULF DIVISION ARRL CONVENTION have been completed. Formal authority for the convention was granted by the League Executive Committee at its recent meeting. Make your plans now, to attend. This will be one of our biggest and best!

ALL ARRL MEMBERS in the West Gulf Division (Texas and Oklahoma) will be mailed forms for registration at a later date. HOWEVER, this convention is not restricted to ARRL members. ALL AMATEURS are invited and welcome. Talk it up!

WEST GULF CONVENTION COMMITTEE
Box 47382, Dallas, Tex. 75247

LOCATION:

Between DALLAS and FORT WORTH, at EULESS, Texas.

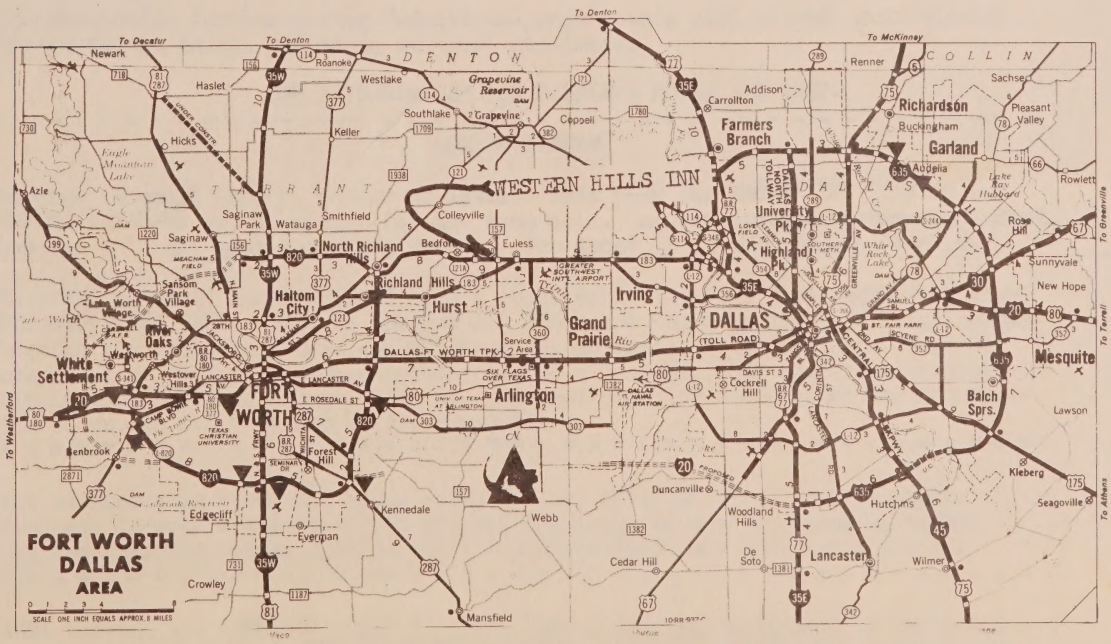
CONVENTION CENTER:

WESTERN HILLS INN, Euless, Texas, at junction of Highways 183 and 157. Six miles north of SIX FLAGS.

DATE:

LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL, 1973, (April 27, 28, 29).

TED HEITHECKER, W5EJ
General Chairman.



FCC RULINGS

FONE BAND EXPANSION AUTHORIZED: On September 27, FCC published their Report and Order pertaining to Docket 19162, commonly known as Fone Band Expansion rules. While it is probable no one will be completely satisfied with the new rules, we are happy to see they finally took some action.

At this time I would like to make an observation and a couple of recommendations. It is apparent, from a reading of the new rules that the Commission intends to continue its support of the concept that amateurs should attempt to obtain the highest class license they can qualify for. In fact, if I can be permitted the luxury of a forecast, I should predict that in the not too distant future the Commission may adopt an 'up or out' program in order to insure that we are complying with the letter and spirit of our 'charter' as spelled out in FCC Regulation par. 97. Now my recommendations: a. I urge that fone nets, particularly on 75, remain where they are, and that individual QSO's use the newly authorized frequencies, as far as is practicable in order to provide less interference for the traffic nets. Also, I urge that all who can do so, move up as soon as possible to Advanced or Extra Class license, in order to alleviate the congestion on 75 and 20 particularly (I might add that 20 is a problem, no matter where one chooses to operate).

Complete text of the new Rules will appear in November, QST. Briefly, the points most of us are concerned with are: EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDER - 22 NOVEMBER '72.

a. No change in the 25kc authorized Extra Class CW on low ends of the bands.

b. Novices: Will be authorized to use VFO's. Frequencies authorized Novices: 3700-3750, 7100-7150, 21,100-21,200, 28,100-28,200. All A-1 Only.

FONE

80: Extras move down to 3775-3800.
Advanced (and Extra of course): 3800-3890.
Generals (plus Extra & Advanced): 3890-4000.

40: Extra and Advanced: 7150-7225.
Generals, plus above: 7225-7300.

20: Extra and Advanced: 14,200-14,275.
Generals, plus above: 14,275-14,350.

15: Extra Class: 21,250-21,270
Extra and Advanced: 21,270-21,350. Generals: 21,350-21,450 Including Extra & Advanced.

10: No change, except for Novices.

6: Extra and Advanced: 50.0-50.1.
Generals, plus above: 50.1-54.0
(Technicians increased operating privileges outlined under Docket 18803, Technicians refer to article in October, QST beginning page 100).

The Commission further states "Additional adjustments will be made periodically in the future as the upgrading movement continues.

SEE NOVEMBER QST FOR COMPLETE RULES AND TEXT.

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COMING EVENTS

We knew it would happen, sooner or later. This year the BROWNFIELD HAMFEST and TEXOMA HAMARAMA are scheduled for the same date. An unfortunate occurrence indeed because both are most enjoyable events. The date? Last week-end in October.

In order to avoid recurrence of such a regrettable incident I am requesting Vice Director JACK GANT, W5GM, to contact all SCM's and known sponsors of large gatherings in the Division (Texas and Oklahoma) to determine date for their scheduled event and to disseminate this information to all clubs, nets and organizations within the division. Please give him a prompt reply to his request for information so we can put together a 1973 schedule.

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The enthusiastic reception being given the new ARRL VHF Manual and the 1972 Handbook is well deserved. Both are greatly improved over previous editions. The new Repeater Manual will be off the presses very soon now, watch for it.

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ARRL through its REPEATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE is working diligently to publish a nation-wide listing of AREA REPEATER COORDINATORS. If your group has appointed a coordinator for a given area, coordinated with other repeater trustees within a specific area please see that GEORGE MUNSCH, W5VPQ, gets the information, pronto.

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ARRL ELECTION NEWS

NORTH TEXAS: SCM HARRISON, W5IR, was declared elected, over the challenger, DOUG ROBERTS, WA5SUY - Congratulations Gene.

SOUTH TEXAS: SCM ULREY, K5HZR, declined to seek re-election. There are 5 known candidates for the office as we go to press. They are:
ROBERT BALUSEK, K5OZF, ED CAMPBELL, K5SBR, JOE CLINE, WA5YPF,
BRIAN DONOHOO, W5JVR, and ART ROSS, W5KR.
Ballots for this election will soon be mailed from Hq. ARRL.
The office of Section Communications Manager is very important in League affairs and will become more so in the future. Members are urged to give careful consideration to candidates qualifications and elect he whom you believe will provide the best administration of section communication activities. This job is far more than a reporter for the station activities column in QST. The column is merely the means for the SCM to keep us informed of individual activities.

OKLAHOMA: No election this year.

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

The only nominees were ROY ALBRIGHT, W5EYB, Director, and JACK GANT, W5GM, Vice Director, both incumbents; hence we have been declared elected for the coming 2 year term. You can be assured we shall continue to represent the members of this Division in the best possible manner.

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Incidentally, Vice Director GANT, W5GM, attended the July meeting of the Board of Directors. I asked him to give us an unedited (by me) commentary of his reactions.

FROM THE VICE DIRECTOR

My wish would be that all ARRL members could have the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors at Hartford, Connecticut. I know it would be enlightening and, I honestly believe, pleasing. This is basically my reaction to the one I attended last July.

While the directors of course were not in unanimous agreement on many things I felt that here were sixteen capable people trying very hard to represent the feeling and wishes of the Hams in their divisions. It was good to find that Director Albright of our West Gulf Division had a reputation up there of holding a tight rein on the purse strings. Having sent my money to Hartford for many years it was of great interest to me to know exactly what they were doing with it. I feel now that my annual dues are a very good investment for me as a radio amateur. With F.C.C. in a position to affect your life and mine with changes in regulations as they see fit, it is a comfortable feeling to know ARRL liaison with F.C.C. is daily and good. You may have noticed that not many of the great list of petitions to F.C.C. are originated by ARRL and it is solely because our General Counsel, with his constant liaison with the fellows at F.C.C. can accomplish a great deal more by keeping them aware of the particular needs of the amateur service. We don't want to bug F.C.C. with a bunch of petitions that have no chance of passage. And, man, do we ever need F.C.C. strong on our side at the International conferences!

Necessarily a lot of the Board Meeting is taken up with administrative decisions and they don't make for the most interesting reading when you wade through the minutes printed in QST, but we could not have this organization without 'em. Dig out the things of personal interest to you and they will add up to a great deal.

The Vice Directors don't have a vote, but they are allowed to make their views and impressions known at the meeting and I appreciated that. President HARRY DANNALS, W2TUK, did a fine job of keeping things moving right along.

If you have a chance to be in New England by all means manage a visit to Headquarters at Newington (suburb of Hartford) and get acquainted with your ARRL staff. Not only are they a very friendly bunch, but you will see an efficient operation in your interest, from the standpoint of administration as well as technical services. The lab is really something, along with a great library and marvelous museum. While you are there WIAW is just across the street and if you find someone has drooled all over it - it was me!

73, Jack, W5GM, Vice Director.

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ABOUT PEOPLE AT ARRL HQ

ED TILTON, W1HDQ, VHF Editor for many years and one who has made a legion of contributions to the advancement of amateur radio through the pages of QST and the VHF manual over a period of many years is retiring. We wish ED every success.

Another long-time great person in service to amateur radio and a personal friend we value highly, DAVE HOUGHTON, continues to serve the league in an unpaid capacity. Dave has been with the League over 50 years!

ARRL ELECTION NEWS

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SOUTH TEXAS: DON WILEY, K5EWK, declined to seek re-election. There are 5 known candidates for the office as we go to press. They are:

KOSMO DALGLEISH, K5OZ. ED DA PONTE, K5BRB. JOE SMITH, W5QYF.

, PERLE DOMINICO, W5YVR, and ART ROSS, W5NK.

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DIRECTOR DISCUSSING

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If you were a glazer to be in New England by all means arrange a visit to Headquarters at Hartford (about 20 Hartford) and see operations. Also ARRL shop. Not only are they a very friendly bunch, but you will see many different operations, from the receiving of advertisements at all of technical articles. The lab is really something also such a great library can [illegible]. Maybe you are there when W1AW is just coming the record and it can be done, one has recorded all over the [illegible].

73, Jack, W6AM. Vice Director.

FROM PACIFIC DIVISION

TO TIDDY, W5HK, VHF Editor for many years and one who has made a legion of contributions to the advancement of amateur radio through the pages of QST and through over 5 period of many years in writing. We wish CD many success.

I need to know your interests in amateur radio for my guidance at Board Meetings. Please place a check mark beside the items that interest you, and return the page to me.

Activities
Advanced Materials
Advancements in Electronics
Advertisements
All
All except circuits
All except 2 meters
AMSAT
Antennas
Antique Information
Anything with tubes
ARPSC
AREC
ARRL
Articles for beginners
Autopatch
Award Information
Basic Electronics
Basic Homebrew
Basic Operation Procedures
Beginners and Novice
Binary Adders
Board Actions
Circuit Diagrams
Club News
Construction
Contest Reports
Contests
Conventions
Current Events
C.W.
C.W. Transmitters
Design
Digital Techniques
DX
DXpeditions
Editorials
Educational
Electromagnetic Theory
Emergency Operations
Equipment Maintenance
Events
Exciters
Experimental Results
Experimental VHF-UHF and above
Experimentation
FAX
FCC
FCC Activities
Fcc Rules & Regulations
Fiction
FM
FM Repeaters
Frequency Measurement
Gadgets
General Interest
Hamming in other countries
Happenings
H.F.
Hints and Kinks
Historical Expeditions
History
Home Brew
How to do Things
How to use Test Equipm't
Human Interest
Humor
I. C.'s
Introduction to VHF
It Seems to US
Junk Box Projects
Keyers
Kit Building
Late Improvements
Latest Communication Advancements
Latest Happenings
League Activities
League Lines
Legal Happenings
Legal Problems
Letters to Editor
Linears
Local Interest
Logic Circuits
Low Band
Low Cost Construction articles
Measuring Equipment
Microwave Construction
Military Surplus
Mobile
Mobile Techniques
Modifications of Commercial equipment
Narrative Techniques for Novices
Net Directories
Nets
Non-Technical
New Designs
New Equipment
New Techniques and Circuits
New Trends in Communication
News
Novice
Novice Theory
Old History of Amateur Radio
Operating
Operating Convenience Projects
Operating Events
Operating News
Operating Techniques
OSCAR
Other Amateur's Ideas
Personals
Power Supplies
Practical Side of Amateur Radio
Practical Theory
Preparation for License
Product Review
Projects
Propagation
Public Service
QRP
QSO Parties
Questions and Answers
Rag Chewing
Receivers
Recent Equipment
Recollections of Old Timers
Repeaters
Research
Reviews
R.T.T.Y.
Semi-Conductor Circuits
Semi-Technical
Simple Construction
Simple Technical
Small Projects
Solid State
Solid State Receivers
Solid State SSB
Solid State Transmitters
Solid State VHF
Special
Specialized Test Equipment
Special Reports
SSB
SSTV
State of the Art
Station Accessories
Station Activities
Station Gadgets
Station Set-ups
Stories
Study Guides for Upgrading
Surplus Conversion
Technical Test Equipment
Theory
Traffic
Transistors
Transistor Projects
Transistorized Receivers
Transmitters
Trouble Shooting
TVI Elimination
Unusual Happenings
Updating Present Equipment
Upgrading License
Use of Grid Dippers
Vacuum Tube Construction
VHF
VHF Antennas
VHF-UHF Construction
Want Ads
What Other Hams are doing
World Above 50 MHz
YL News
160 Meter Construction
80-4- Meter Transmitters
6 and 2 Meters
6 Meter FM
2 Meter FM
2 Meter operation

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EXTRA, ADVANCED, GENERAL
CONDITIONAL, TECHNICIAN
NOVICE

I know this is work for you, and will cost an 8¢ stamp to return it - but think for a moment the job I will have of compiling results! However, I think it is worth the trouble if enough members take the trouble to reply.

73, Ron W5EYB, Director.